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SUBJECT: OPRED - SECOND DEA SPECIAL AGENT AT VIENNA; DEA
LIAISON IN EE AREA

REFS: A) STATE 140161; B) SOFIA 971; C) SOFIA 941; D) SOFIA 390;
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1. WE ARE AWAITING INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACTS DEA MAY
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE WITH BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT/CONTROL SPECIALISTS MEETING IN VIENNA.
HOPEFULLY THESE CONTACTS WILL FACILITATE ENTREE FOR FIRST
VISIT OF VIENNA DEA REPRESENTATIVE TO SOFIA LATER THIS
SUMMER. UNTIL USEFULNESS TO NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN BULGARIA
OF A DEA REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA IS ESTABLISHED, ADDITION
OF A SECOND AGENT WOULD BE STILL MORE DELICATE AND APT TO
CAUSE DIFFICULTY. PRIOR TO ANY VISIT OF THIS KIND WE
REQUIRE FULL JUSTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND TO ENABLE
EMBASSY TO MAKE JUDGMENT OF OPPORTUNENESS. SEE REFTELS
B, C, D, E AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR
DESTRUCTION OF PRESENT RELATIONSHIP UNLESS SUCH CONTACTS
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ARE HANDLED WITH UTMOST CIRCUMSPECTION.

2. WITHOUT WISHING TO PREJUDICE DEA VISIT IN ANY WAY, EMBASSY DEEMS IT ADVISABLE TO AGAIN OUTLINE BASIC FACTS THAT HAMPER DEA LIAISON WITH BULGARIA. NARCOTICS ABUSE HERE IS VERY LIMITED, OBVIATING NEED FOR DOMESTIC CONTROL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM. NO COUNTERPART EXISTS FOR DEA; MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH CONTROLS POLICE IS ONE OF ORGANS MOST ISOLATED FROM AND SUSPICIOUS OF ANY FOREIGN CONTACTS; AND CUSTOMS, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING ROUTE ACROSS BULGARIA, IS WARY OF POLICE/INTELLIGENCE TYPE POWERS OF DEA. FORTUNATELY AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP EXISTS, ON WHICH WE CAN SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY BUILD, IN THAT BULGARIAN CUSTOMS ALREADY WORKS WITH US CUSTOMS WHICH HAS CONDUCTED SEMINARS IN NARCOTICS DETECTION IN BULGARIA FOR PAST THREE YEARS.
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